

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 23, with the following amended paragraph:

In another embodiment, illustrated in Figure 5, a filter assembly 100 is shown with a porous support layer 134 disposed within the internal volume 128 of the filter housing 110. The adsorbent media 132 is disposed on the porous support layer 134. For example, a mesh or scrim can be used as the porous support layer 134 to hold the adsorbent media 132. Polyester and other suitable materials (such as polypropylene, polyethylene, nylon ~~nylone~~ and PTFE) can be used as the mesh or scrim. The porous support layer 134 can be used as a base on which the adsorbent media 132 is disposed, or the porous support layer 134 can be provided on or around the exterior of a mass of adsorbent media 132 to hold the material together or to prevent or reduce the loss of adsorbent material by, for example, flaking. Optionally, the adsorbent media 132 can be mounted on the porous support layer 134 using, for example, an adhesive.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 11, with the following amended paragraph:

Referring to Figure 6, in another embodiment, an [a] adsorbent media 132 including a main body 136 with at least one projection 138 extending from a surface of the main body 136 is disposed within the internal volume 128 of the filter assembly 100. Typically, the projections 138 are formed (e.g., molded or compression molded) simultaneously with the adsorbent media 132. Examples of filter media with projections are disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 5,876,487 and U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/353,506, both of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 9, with the following amended paragraph:

Referring to Figure 7, in another embodiment, a filter housing 110 of a filter assembly 100 includes a support structure 141 that raises an [a] adsorbent media 132 away from a top surface 143 ~~an inner surface 142~~ of the base 116. For example, as shown in Figure 7, the housing support structure 141 can include raised edges 144 and the adsorbent media 132 can be mounted on the raised edges 144. Alternatively, a porous support layer can be mounted on the raised edges with the filter media mounted on the support layer. Raising the adsorbent media 132 away from the top surface 143 of the base 116 creates a space 146 defined by the adsorbent media 132 and the housing 110. The raised edges 144 allow ~~allows~~ air to enter the space 146 through the breather port 118 and increases the surface area in contact with the fluid entering the space compared with, in some embodiments, the adsorbent media 132 being mounted directly on the base 116.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 22, with the following amended paragraph:

Referring to Figures 8A and 8B ~~Figure 8~~, in one embodiment, the filter assembly 100 includes a base 116 defining the incoming breather port 118. Fluid enters the internal volume 128 of the housing 110 through the breather port 118 to remove contaminants.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 18, line 14, with the following amended paragraph:

The filter housing 110 can be constructed in many different configurations to achieve filtering of fluid within the disk drive. Figures 1 and 2 show one embodiment of the filter housing 110. In another embodiment, shown in Figures ~~Figure~~ 10a and 10b, the filter housing 210 includes a body 225 and a shroud 227 constructed of non-porous material. The shroud 227 defines the inlet port 212 and the outlet port 214 with the profile of the shroud directing fluid into and out of the filter 200. The body 225 defines the breather port 218 for the breather aspect of the filter 200. A porous support material 230, typically PTFE or other electrostatic media, and the body of the housing 210 define the internal volume 228 of the housing 210. The filter media 232

is disposed within the internal volume 228 of the housing 210. The porous support material 230 can be adhered, welded, or otherwise attached to the shroud 227 or the body 225 and the shroud can be adhered, welded, or otherwise attached to the body 225.